(b) whether this facility is likely to be extended to families with a gross monthly income of Rs. 5,000 or less; and

(c) if so, the details regarding the procedure adopted by the Government in this regard so far as the question of extending this facility is concerned through CGHS dispensaries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The hospital is under consideration for recognising under Central Government Health Scheme, Delhi.

Grant of Pala Sahrudaya Samithy

4796. SHRI P.C. THOMAS : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had decided to aid Pala Sahrudaya Samithy, a society engaged in literacy and cultural promotion for the Jubilee Celebrations held at Pala in Kottayam District, Kerala before some time;

(b) if so, the stage of the release of grant;

(c) whether the Government took a different stand at a later stage by refusing to grant such fund;

(d) whether the Government have laid down any condition for grant of fund to such organisations;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether the above organisations could not fulfill the laid conditions; and

(g) if not, the reasons for not granting funds to the said organisations?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) An amount of Rs. 50,000/– was sanctioned by Govt. of India. Sanction order was issued on 23.3.1995 for release of Ist instalment of Rs. 37,500/–.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Yes. The organisation has to submit a prestamped receipt and bond and copy of the resolution authorising a person to receive the grant from the Government.

(f) yes. They failed to submit documents mentioned above.

(g) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Engineering and Medical Colleges in Private Sector

4797. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the policy of the Union Government regarding the establishment of Engineering and Medical Colleges in the Private Sector;

(b) whether the Supreme Court has laid down certain guidelines in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the number of Engineering and Medical Colleges set up so far in the private sector, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) Establishment of Engineering and Medical Colleges are governed by the provisions of AICTE Act, 1987 and Indian Medical Council (Amendment) Act, 1993 respectively.

(b) and (c) In pursuance of the guidelines laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, the Indian Medical Council has prescribed that only registered Societies and Public Trusts are eligible to set up medical colleges in private sector. Similarly, AICTE has laid down Regulations on 31.10.1994 prescribing procedures for establishment of institutions in technical education and for introduction of new courses and change in the intake capacity of courses and programmes.

(d) A statement giving the number of Engineering and Medical Colleges set up so far in the private sector, State-wise, is attached.

STATEMENT

Name of the State/UT	No. of Private Engineering Colleges	No. of Private Medical Colleges
1	2	3
1. Andhra Pradesh	25	1
2. Assam	—	—
3. Bihar	3	4
4. Goa	—	—
5. Gujarat	2	1
6. Haryana	5	1
7. Himachal Pradesh	—	—

	1	2	3
8.	Jammu & Kashmir		1
9.	Karnataka	39	15
10.	Kerala	2	—
11.	Madhya Pradesh	6	—
12.	Maharashtra	81	15
13.	Manipur	—	—
14.	Orissa	1	—
15.	Punjab	1	2
16.	Rajasthan	1	—
17.	Tamil Nadu	62	5
18.	Uttar Pradesh	2	—
19.	West Bengal	—	—
20.	Delhi	1	—
21.	Pondicherry	—	—
22.	Chandigarh	—	—
23.	Tripura	—	1
24.	Andaman & Nicobar	—	—
25.	Arunachal Pradesh	—	—
26.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	—	—
27.	Daman & Diu	—	—
28.	Lakshadweep	—	—
29.	Meghalaya	—	—
30.	Mizoram	—	—
31.	Nagaland	—	—
32.	Sikkim	1	—
	Total	231	46

[*English*]

Telefilm on WCD

4798. DR. ARVIND SHARMA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposals received from private producers of telefilms for production of telefilms/video films on *'Women and Child Development' since 1.6.95 to* 31.5.96;

(b) the details of proposals out of these cleared so far; and

(c) the time by which the remaining proposals are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI) : (a) to (c) 101 proposals on various subjects relating to women and child development have been received from private producers during the period 1.6.95 to 31.5.96 for production of video films. Out of these, four proposals have so far been cleared. In March 1996, the Department decided to commission production of 40 video spots through Doordarshan in preference over telefilms/video films.

Promotion of Cultural Visits

4799. SHRI N. S. V. CHITTHAN : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the office for the promotion of cultural visits of troups overseas, has been opened in Madras;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the total number of persons and organisations that have enrolled with the office for chances to go overseas?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Free Ration to Employees of Civil G.T.

4800. SHRI R. B. RAI : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that employees of Civil G.T. under the Army Service Corps from several units are not getting their free-ration, notwithstanding the provision for the same; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) and (b) Civilian personnel of Civil G.T. units under Army Service Corps are entitled to the facility of free rations for the duration for which they are moved from their permanent peace locations and are operating in the field concessional areas Civil G.T. employees wherever authorised free rations are being issued the same as per their entitlements.

Link of Krishna-Godavri-Cauveri Rivers

4801. SHRI B. DHARMABIKSHAM : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state: